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Division 1

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Gov. McCrory Appoints Nick Tennyson Secretary of Transportation



Nick Tennyson is sworn in as Secretary of Transportation.

In early August, Governor Pat McCrory announced the appointment of Nick Tennyson as the new Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Tennyson previously served as Chief Deputy Secretary since March 2013, and succeeds Tony Tata.

"Nick Tennyson is the perfect choice to continue the momentum we have made in North Carolina's transportation strategy," said Governor McCrory. "He has been involved in planning all of our key transportation strategies over the last two and half years, and is equipped to hit the ground running to continue our progress."

Secretary Tennyson and the NCDOT team will continue to focus on expanding and safely maintaining our transportation network through the Governor's 25 Year Vision, support new funding strategies including the bonds to Connect NC, strengthen our ports to make our state more globally competitive and deliver other infrastructure projects to help grow the state's economy and create jobs. [Learn More.](#)

NC to Move Forward with Construction of Bonner Bridge Replacement

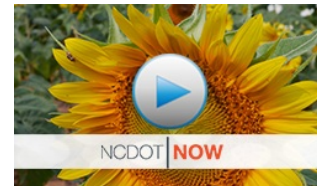


Herbert C. Bonner Bridge

Governor Pat McCrory announced in August that the final roadblocks were cleared allowing NCDOT to proceed with construction of a new Herbert C. Bonner Bridge on N.C. 12 over the Oregon Inlet in Dare County.

Completing the terms of a settlement agreement reached in

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On this week's NCDOT Now, NCDOT partners with the N.C. Department of Agriculture on creating pollinator habitats in wildflower beds, tickets available now for special train stops at the North Carolina State Fair and the Lexington Barbecue Festival in October, and ferry crews help rescue a father and son in Swan Quarter Bay. [Watch here.](#)

June, environmental groups represented by the Southern Environmental Law Center have dropped all remaining lawsuits that prevented NCDOT from replacing the 52-year-old Bonner Bridge with a new bridge parallel to the existing one. Construction will begin Spring 2016. [Learn more.](#)

Board Member Spotlight: Malcolm Fearing

Malcolm K. Fearing of Manteo was appointed to the N.C. Board of Transportation in April 2013 to represent Division 1. Fearing is partial owner of Outer Banks Insurance Agency and The Fearing Realty LLC in Dare County.



Malcolm K. Fearing

A graduate of Manteo High School, Fearing previously served as president of the Manteo Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow, finance chairman and board member for the Roanoke Island Commission, chairman of the board for the Dare County Community Center, commissioner for the town of Manteo and volunteer for the Roanoke Island Volunteer Fire Department. He has also served on the Roanoke Voyages Corridor Committee and was a member of the Manteo Lions Club. Fearing is currently on the board for the Coastal Studies Institute and is a member of the North Carolina Independent Insurance Association.

"My family has been proud to call northeastern North Carolina home for more than a century. As the Board of Transportation member representing Division One, it is an honor to be able to give back to this great community," said Fearing. "From as far west as the northern tip of I-95, to the coast, this entire 14 county region has a great staff at NCDOT dedicated to maintaining safe, reliable transportation. Under the guidance and leadership of Governor Pat McCrory, the department is investing in the future of eastern North Carolina. I am thankful to be able to work with such a talented team."

Fearing and his wife live in Manteo, along with his mom, his three married children and four grandchildren.

For a complete bio, visit the [NCDOT website](#).

Ferry Division Update

NCDOT Ferry Division Lays Out Future Possibilities For Hatteras-Ocracoke Route

Faced with a summertime congestion problem on its popular Hatteras-Ocracoke route, the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Ferry Division held meetings this week to get public input on possible solutions to ease congestion and return Ocracoke Island visitation to pre-recession levels.

The meetings, held in Ocracoke on Monday and Hatteras Tuesday, are part of an NCDOT Passenger Ferry Feasibility Study that could lead to the establishment of passenger-only ferry service between Hatteras Village and Ocracoke's Silver Lake Harbor by the summer of 2017. Theoretically, the passenger ferries would drop visitors off directly in Ocracoke Village, where Hyde County would provide tram service around the village and to attractions such as the Ocracoke Lighthouse and the British Cemetery. The passenger ferries would be in addition to the Ferry Division's current car ferry service.

[Learn more.](#)

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